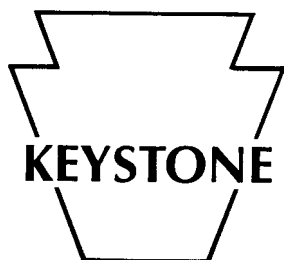




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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during February 2005 totaled 795 million pounds, 1.1 percent below last February's production of 804 million pounds. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 560,000 head, down 4,000 from both January 2005 and February 2004.

Production per cow averaged 1,420 pounds February, 120 pounds less than January's production per cow of 1,540 pounds and 5 pounds less than February 2004, which had 29 days.

Milk production in the **23 states surveyed** during February 2005 totaled 12.2 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent compared to production in these same states during February 2004. However production was 2.8 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. January revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from January 2004. The January revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 29 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,516 pounds for February, 15 pounds below February 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.07 million head, 23,000 head more than February 2004 but 9,000 head less than January 2005.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Products	Jan 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005
000 Lbs.			
PENNSYLVANIA			
Butter	6,595	5,077	6,509
Ice Cream	2,952	2,577	2,807
UNITED STATES			
Butter	131,859	114,613	125,827
Cheese:			
American Types	321,380	323,415	321,552
Swiss	22,997	24,444	23,404
Brick and Muenster	6,812	6,990	5,648
Cream and Neufchatel	48,209	55,972	48,738
Mozzarella	244,677	257,766	250,545
Other Italian	62,369	63,612	66,457
Total Italian Types	307,046	321,378	317,002
All Other	19,074	28,386	24,830
Total	735,851	772,247	753,879
NF Dry Milk, Human	120,490	93,201	93,775
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	214,984	206,142	223,607
000 Gal.			
FROZEN PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream, Hard	59,132	55,182	60,394
Ice Cream, Lowfat	25,947	26,988	26,775
Ice Cream, Nonfat	1,430	1,298	1,192
Sherbet, Hard	3,766	2,875	4,194
Frozen Yogurt, Total	4,403	4,145	4,357
MIX FOR PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream Mix	34,788	30,795	34,225
Ice Cream Mix, Lowfat	14,370	14,928	14,830
Ice Cream Mix, Nonfat	930	790	870
Sherbet Mix	2,599	1,986	2,706
Yogurt Mix	2,590	2,438	2,563

DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States' butter production was 126 million pounds in January, 4.6 percent below January 2004 but 9.8 percent above December 2004. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 754 million pounds, 2.4 percent above January 2004 but 2.4 percent below December 2004. American type cheese production totaled 322 million pounds, 0.1 percent above January 2004 but 0.6 percent below December 2004. Frozen desserts (comparisons with January 2004): ice cream, regular (hard) -- 60.4 million gallons, up 2.1 percent; ice cream, lowfat (total) -- 26.8 million gallons, up 3.2 percent; ice cream, nonfat (hard) -- 1.19 million gallons, down 16.6 percent; sherbet (hard) -- 4.19 million gallons, up 11.4 percent; frozen yogurt (total) -- 4.36 million gallons, down 1.0 percent.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Feb 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Feb 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005
Milk Cows	Thous.	564	564	560	8,051	8,083	8,074
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,425	1,540	1,420	1,531	1,640	1,516
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	804	869	795	12,329	13,258	12,240

Pennsylvania: Oats - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2004 ¹

County & District	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Value of Production ²
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Crawford	6,300	5,500	50.0	275,000	
Erie	3,400	2,700	48.0	129,600	
Forest	200	100	55.0	5,500	
Mercer	5,700	4,800	58.0	278,500	
Venango	1,400	1,200	50.0	60,000	
Warren	1,000	700	45.6	31,900	
Northwestern, Total	18,000	15,000	52.0	780,500	
Bradford	2,600	1,700	50.6	86,000	
Cameron	-	-	-	-	
Clinton	400	400	63.0	25,200	
Elk	400	300	56.0	16,800	
Lycoming	2,800	2,100	57.3	120,400	D A T A
McKean	300	200	56.0	11,200	
Potter	1,300	1,000	61.0	61,000	
Sullivan	-	-	-	-	
Tioga	1,800	1,500	59.3	88,900	
Other Counties	400	300	51.7	15,500	
North Central, Total	10,000	7,500	56.7	425,000	
Lackawanna	-	-	-	-	
Susquehanna	-	-	-	-	N O T
Wayne	-	-	-	-	
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	
Other Counties	1,500	1,000	54.0	54,000	
Northeastern, Total	1,500	1,000	54.0	54,000	
Armstrong	3,200	3,100	45.0	139,500	
Beaver	1,800	1,700	45.0	76,500	
Butler	5,100	5,000	55.0	275,000	Y E T
Clarion	3,500	3,300	46.3	152,900	
Indiana	6,000	5,800	54.3	314,800	
Jefferson	2,300	2,200	51.9	114,100	
Lawrence	3,100	2,900	58.0	168,200	
West Central, Total	25,000	24,000	51.7	1,241,000	
Blair	1,100	900	60.0	54,000	
Cambria	6,800	6,200	56.0	347,200	A V A I L A B L E
Centre	2,700	2,300	61.5	141,400	
Clearfield	1,600	1,300	49.7	64,600	
Columbia	3,000	2,500	55.0	137,500	
Dauphin	1,700	1,300	55.0	71,500	
Huntingdon	1,900	1,500	55.0	82,500	
Juniata	1,900	1,600	58.8	94,000	
Mifflin	1,800	1,600	56.9	91,100	
Montour	900	800	55.1	44,100	
Northumberland	1,700	1,600	58.0	92,800	
Perry	1,900	1,600	49.8	79,700	
Snyder	2,100	1,600	56.0	89,600	
Union	900	700	45.0	31,500	
Central, Total	30,000	25,500	55.7	1,421,500	
Carbon	1,200	1,000	55.0	55,000	
Lehigh	1,900	1,800	58.9	106,000	
Luzerne	2,000	1,700	60.2	102,400	
Monroe	1,000	800	57.3	45,800	
Northampton	2,000	1,600	63.0	100,800	
Pike	-	-	-	-	
Schuylkill	3,900	3,600	58.3	210,000	
East Central, Total	12,000	10,500	59.0	620,000	
Allegheny	500	400	55.0	22,000	
Fayette	1,300	1,000	45.0	45,000	
Greene	200	100	45.0	4,500	
Somerset	8,800	7,900	68.3	539,500	
Washington	1,900	1,600	45.0	72,000	
Westmoreland	2,800	2,500	50.0	125,000	
Southwestern, Total	15,500	13,500	59.9	808,000	
Adams	700	500	50.0	25,000	
Bedford	3,200	2,400	52.9	127,000	
Cumberland	1,900	1,500	50.5	75,800	
Franklin	1,400	1,000	56.7	56,700	
Fulton	1,500	1,100	50.9	56,000	
York	1,800	1,500	51.0	76,500	
South Central, Total	10,500	8,000	52.1	417,000	
Berks	3,100	2,100	55.1	115,700	
Bucks	1,100	800	54.3	43,400	
Chester	1,000	500	57.4	28,700	
Delaware	-	-	-	-	
Lancaster	1,100	700	60.0	42,000	
Lebanon	700	500	56.4	28,200	
Montgomery	500	400	62.5	25,000	
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	
Southwestern, Total	7,500	5,000	56.6	283,000	
Pennsylvania	130,000	110,000	55.0	6,050,000	

¹ Counties not shown separately included in Other Counties. ² Value of production based on final State marketing year average price.

POTATO STOCKS

Total potato stocks stored in Pennsylvania on February 1, 2005 were 700,000 cwt., unchanged from last year's level. Stocks were down 22 percent from last month's level of 900,000 cwt. Potato stocks on March 1 accounted for 27 percent of the 2004 potato production. Potato stocks for March 1 of last year accounted for 21 percent of the 2003 potato production.

Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each report.

The 15 major potato States held 168 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2005, up 1 percent from last year and 2 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 42 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Disappearance of 235 million cwt of potatoes is down 1 percent from last year and 3 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 24.6 million cwt so far this season, is up 9 percent from last year and 10 percent above the same date in 2003. Processors in the 9 major States used 119 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 1 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 23.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year and 15 percent below the same date in 2003.

Eastern States stored 10.8 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, up 5 percent from last year and 19 percent above two years ago. Maine's potato sheds hold 6 percent more than last year, while New York and Pennsylvania's sheds remain unchanged from a year ago.

Note: The 15 major potato states are CA, CO, ID, ME, MI, MN, MT, NE, NY, ND, OH, OR, PA, WA, WI.



FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS MARCH 1, 2004-2005

State	Crop of 2003		Crop of 2004	
	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2004	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2005 ¹
	1,000 Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
California	3,528	1,300	3,876	1,300
Colorado	23,652	10,700	23,148	11,100
Idaho	123,180	58,000	131,970	64,000
Maine	17,030	8,900	19,220	9,400
Michigan	15,015	5,100	13,650	3,900
Minnesota	22,330	9,600	18,920	8,800
Montana	3,339	2,800	3,551	3,200
Nebraska ²	9,744		9,288	
New York	6,510	700	5,184	700
North Dakota . . .	27,440	13,000	26,765	13,100
Ohio ²	1,097		1,080	
Oregon	20,991	11,000	19,775	9,000
Pennsylvania . . .	3,375	700	2,640	700
Washington	93,150	29,500	93,810	29,000
Wisconsin	32,800	11,200	30,450	11,000
Other States		3,780		3,220
Total 15 States	403,181	166,280	403,327	168,420

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant 2003 crop. Seed usage in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt. ² Blank States combined into "Other States".

2004 ¹ LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER & FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Cattle	Thousand Head	857.1	32,017.8
	Plants	92	689
Calves	Thousand Head	169.8	819.3
	Plants	36	234
Hogs	Thousand Head	2,825.3	101,706.1
	Plants	85	664
Sheep & Lambs	Thousand Head	70.0	2,666.6
	Plants	71	500

¹ Includes data from week ending Jan 10, 2004 through Jan 1, 2005.

ANNUAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during 2004 totaled 1,166.7 million pounds, dressed weight basis, down 8 percent from a year ago. Commercial cattle slaughter, at 874,900 head, was down 16.8 percent from last year. Of this number, 857,100 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants. The federally inspected slaughter consisted of 38.7 percent steers, 8.3 percent heifers, 50.5 percent cows (of which 80.1 percent were dairy cows), and 3.6 percent bulls and stags. Beef production, at 1,032 million pounds live weight, was 22.8 percent less than 2003. Average live weight per head was 1,179 pounds, a decrease of 91 pounds from last year.

Commercial calf slaughter, at 170,800 head, was down 9.9 percent from a year ago. Veal production, at 62.77 million pounds live weight, was down 2 percent from a year ago. Average live weight per head increased 28 pounds to 368 pounds per calf.

Commercial hog slaughter, at 2,846,400 head, was up 4.1 percent from last year. Of this number, 2,825,300 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants. Barrows and gilts made up 99.9 percent of the federally inspected slaughter. Pork production was 699.6 million pounds live weight, up 2.7 percent from 2003. Average live weight decreased 3 pounds per head to 246 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 71,700 head, was down 12.6 percent from last year. Of this number, 70,000 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants. Lambs and yearlings made up 89.3 percent of the federally inspected slaughter. Lamb and mutton production was 6.99 million pounds live weight, down 19.6 percent from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 8 pounds to 98 pounds. Commercial goat slaughter, at 52,376 head slaughtered for the year of 2004 at 31 plants across Pennsylvania.

There were an estimated 247 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2005, of which 97 were under federal inspection.

Nationally, red meat production in commercial plants and on farms totaled 45.6 billion pounds in 2004, 2 percent below last year. Beef production, at 24.7 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the last year. Veal production totaled 176 million pounds, down 13 percent from last year. Pork production, at 20.5 billion pounds, was 3 percent above last year. Lamb and mutton production totaled 199 million pounds, falling 3 percent below the previous record low set a year ago.

There were 825 slaughtering plants under federal inspection in the U.S. on January 1, 2005, compared with 855 last year. Of these, 689 slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2004 with 13 slaughtering almost 52 percent of the total cattle killed. There were 664 plants that slaughtered hogs, with 13 accounting for slightly over 58 percent of the total. Likewise, 13 of the 234 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for 83 percent of the total and 4 of the 500 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2004 comprised 60 percent of the total head. Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas accounted for over 52 percent of the U.S. commercial red meat production in 2004.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in Pennsylvania during January 2005 totaled 90.2 million pounds, down 5 percent from January 2004.

Beef production, at 78 million pounds live weight, was down 17 percent from January 2004. Total head slaughtered was 64,100, down 10,100 head from 2004, and live weight averaged 1,213 pounds, a decrease of 54 pounds.

Veal production was 5.5 million pounds live weight, up 12 percent. Calf slaughter of 14,600 head was up 4 percent, and average live weight increased 30 pounds to 381 pounds.

Pork production was 55.8 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent from 2004. Total head slaughtered was 230,800, an increase of 5,700 from last year. Live weight averaged 242 pounds, a decrease of 9 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production was 403,000 pounds live weight, down 26 percent from the previous year. The number slaughtered was 4,200, down 18 percent from the previous year. The average live weight decreased 12 pounds to 95 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production in January totaled 3.65 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds

produced in January 2004. U.S. beef production, dressed weight basis, at 1.92 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Veal production, at 13.3 million pounds, was down 17 percent from a year ago.

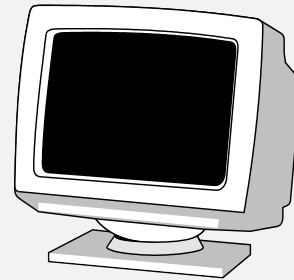
U.S. pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from January, 2004.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JAN 2005

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod . .	Mil. Lbs.	90.2	3,647
Cattle	Thous. Hd.	64.1	2,528
	Mil. Lbs. Live	77.8	3,190
Calves	Thous. Hd.	14.6	68
	Mil. Lbs. Live	5.5	22
Hogs	Thous. Hd.	230.8	8,478
	Mil. Lbs. Live	55.8	2,288
Sheep & Lambs	Thous. Hd.	4.2	209
	Mil. Lbs. Live	.4	29

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